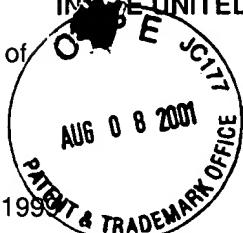


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CONTAINING IN A MIXTURE AN ASSOCIATIVE COPOLYMER, A SURFACTANT  
AND A CONDITIONING AGENT

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

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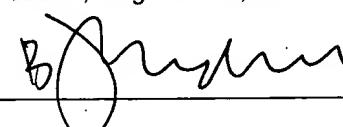
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**AMENDMENT**

Responsive to the Official Action dated May 8, 2001, entry and consideration of  
the following amendments and remarks are requested.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Amend the claims as follows.

Cancel claims 1-14, without prejudice.

Add the following claims:

*Sub D1*

--15. (new) Cosmetic or dermatological composition for topical application in the  
form of an aqueous gel, comprising:  
(a) at least one associative non-crosslinked acrylic copolymer having a C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>32</sub>  
hydrophobic chain, and being present in a proportion of 0.8 to 20% by weight with  
respect to the total weight of the composition,